

Through the USA Freedom Corps, we are helping more and more Americans find ways to make a difference in their communities. The rewards of volunteer service last a lifetime, and everyone can do something. To learn more, please visit www.usafreedomcorps.gov.





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# I CALL UPON

OUR FELLOW CITIZENS
TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

BY HELPING SOMEBODY IN NEED.

AND BY DOING SO, THIS SOCIETY

WILL CHANGE, ONE HEART AND

ONE SOUL AT A TIME ... THE

STRENGTH OF THIS COUNTRY

IS THE FACT THAT WE'RE A NATION

FULL OF COMPASSIONATE, DECENT,

President George W. Bush, April 23, 2004

HONORABLE, LOVING CITIZENS.



The USA Freedom Corps was created by President George W. Bush to help foster a culture of service, citizenship, and responsibility. In his January 2002 State of the Union Address, the President called on every American to dedicate two years or 4,000 hours over the course of their lives to serving others. The mission of the USA Freedom Corps is to help Americans answer the President's Call to Service.

#### WHO WE ARE

The USA Freedom Corps, an office of the White House, brings together executive branch departments, agencies, and offices with public service programs and components to recruit, mobilize, and encourage all Americans to engage in public service. The USA Freedom Corps also seeks to promote opportunities for service by providing the public with access to information about public service and volunteer service opportunities through the Federal government and elsewhere. Finally, the USA Freedom Corps is tasked with providing recognition and awards to volunteers and other participants in service programs.

# PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES WE COORDINATE

Some of the many programs and initiatives that the USA Freedom Corps and its initiative partners oversee include:

# **USA Freedom Corps Volunteer Network**

The USA Freedom Corps Volunteer Network is the most comprehensive online clearinghouse of volunteer opportunities in America. Prospective volunteers can enter geographic information about where they want to serve and their area of interest to access more than a million volunteer opportunities offered by more than 75,000 partner organizations. To look for volunteer opportunities, go to www.usafreedom.corps.gov.

## **Peace Corps**

Since 1961, more than 170,000 volunteers have served in the Peace Corps, working in such diverse fields as education, health, HIV/AIDS education and awareness, information

technology, business development, the environment, and agriculture. The Peace Corps is growing under President Bush, and currently has the highest number of volunteers in the field in 28 years. To learn more, visit www.peacecorps.gov.

#### **AmeriCorps**

AmeriCorps provides opportunities for individuals to participate in service to address critical local and national needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment. AmeriCorps members serve with hundreds of nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and faith-based organizations in rural and urban communities throughout the Nation. For information about AmeriCorps' programs, visit www.americorps.org.



# **Senior Corps**

Senior Corps provides volunteer opportunities for those age 55 years and over. Senior Corps members use their experience and skills to help local organizations provide a wide range of community services. For more information about Senior Corps, please visit www.seniorcorps.org.

#### Learn and Serve America

Learn and Serve America provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit organizations to support efforts that engage students in community service linked to academic achievement and the development of civic skills. This approach to education, called service-learning, improves communities while preparing young people for a lifetime of responsible citizenship. To learn more, visit www.learnandserve.org.

### Citizen Corps

President Bush created Citizen Corps to provide resources and materials for public education and training and offers volunteer service opportunities for people with an interest in homeland security. Citizen Corps also oversees a number of other programs, including Citizen Corps Councils, Neighborhood Watch, Volunteers in Police Service, and Medical Reserve Corps. To learn more about Citizen Corps and its programs, please visit www.citizencorps.gov.

### **Volunteers for Prosperity**

President Bush created Volunteers for Prosperity to utilize the skills of thousands of professional Americans interested in flexible time volunteer service overseas. Volunteers for Prosperity enlists corporations and private voluntary organizations that mobilize highly-skilled American volunteers to help meet U.S. health and prosperity objectives abroad. For more information, visit www.volunteersforprosperity.gov.

# President's Council on Service and Civic Participation

President Bush's Council on Service and Civic Participation recognizes Americans of all ages for their outstanding volunteer service and encourages more such activity through the distribution of the President's Volunteer Service Award. For information about the Council or the Volunteer Service Award and how your organization can become a Certifying Organization, visit www.presidentialserviceawards.gov.

